



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR UNIVERSITY (AETC)**

Welcome to the 650<sup>th</sup> AFROTC Cadet Wing. My name is Cadet Shaner and I am the Cadet Wing Commander of the Ohio University Bobcat Wing. We are extremely thrilled that you have chosen the Bobcat Wing to train you to be an officer in the world's greatest Air Force. Whether this is something you have wanted your whole life, or is merely a recent interest, we will help you achieve whatever goals you set.

You have chosen a program whose mission is to produce leaders for the Air Force by recruiting, educating, and commissioning officer candidates based on Air Force requirements. It is our job to ensure that we complete this mission to the best of our abilities. Over the next four years you will change from a civilian, to a leader with integrity, service, an excellence. Our officers and cadets will guide and assist you in any way that we can to ease this transition.

The Bobcat Wing is one of the oldest detachments in the United States, commissioning many officers every year. We consist roughly of 60 men and women with majors ranging from Physical Education to Electrical Engineering. You are free to major in whatever you desire and it will not affect your status in our program.

Enclosed is our cadet handbook and our schedule of upcoming events. In order to ease your transition you should familiarize yourself with the handbook. You are not expected to know this information when you arrive, but it is there to help you prepare. You will also find a name and contact number of one of our Cadet Officers in your packet. This is your personalized sponsor. This cadet will personally assist you in your transition to Ohio University. **When you receive this packet, please contact them and let them know you received this information.** You may also use this person to answer any questions you might have about AFROTC or Ohio University.

Again, welcome to the Bobcat Wing and congratulations on your choice to be an officer in the United States Air Force. If you have any questions concerning this information, AFROTC, or Ohio University, you can contact your sponsor or contact me at 614-406-2765. See you soon and go Bobcats!

//SIGNED/jps/15 Jan 09//  
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